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THROUGH A TANTALUM-COMPRISING BARRIER
LAYER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment "A" accompanies a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/886,439, filed June 20, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows.

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